



CHLORIS GAYANA. RHODES GRASS.

"Rhodes grass is a native of central and southern Africa, where it is regarded as an extremely valuable species for pasture on dry soils. It is a perennial grass, growing from three to four feet high, very leafy, quite succulent, and the seed is borne on branching spikes on slender, branching stems. This is one of the most promising new introductions, especially for pasture in the southern part of the Gulf States. It is also a very promising hay grass, giving two or three cuttings during a season, and the hay is of excellent quality. It is quite drought resistant, but is seriously injured by frosts, succumbing to temperatures of 18° F. Aside from being valuable in the Gulf Coast States, it appears also to be promising for the semi-arid regions of the extreme Southwest, where such low temperatures do not occur." (R. A. Oakley.) Photograph of plot at Arlington Farm, Virginia, taken in 1908. Plant Introduction No. 29361.